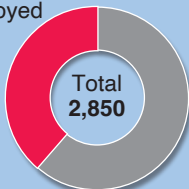


# Israel plans controversial Gaza buffer zone

With the aim of allowing Israeli residents to return to their homes, the IDF is establishing a buffer zone up to 1km wide within Palestinian territory, which critics have described as a "land grab"

## Buildings within buffer

Destroyed  
1,100



500m buffer  
1km buffer

Lax enforcement of previous 300m buffer blamed for Hamas infiltration

Beit Lahia

Jabalia

Ash Shati

Gaza City

Erez Crossing

Nuseirat

Deir el-Balah

## As Sureij, Jan:

21 buildings demolished

Al Mawasi

Khan Younis

Rafah

## Bureij, Jan 8:

Six soldiers trying to destroy tunnel killed in blast

## Maghazi, Jan 22:

21 IDF soldiers killed while demolishing two buildings near border

## Beit Hanoun:

School and streets closest to border demolished

## Shujaiyeh: 50

buildings flattened

ISRAEL

Gaza Strip

Built-up area

Refugee camp

Border checkpoints (closed)

10km

6 miles